and other parts of the country, in view of the reported involvement of some personnel of these agencies in crimes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of its consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

In order to provide for the regulation of private security guards and agencies, the Private Security Guards and Agencies (Regulation) Bill, 1994 was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 14th December, 1994. The Bill is pending consideration in the Rajya Sabha.

Stagnation of sepoys working in S.S.B.

†670. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sepoys working in S.S.B. have been stagnating on the same post for more than 20 years and have not been promoted even after taking J.C.C. training;

(b) whether Government propose to bring these employees under A.C.P. scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) The promotion in any cadre depends upon the availability of vacancies in the higher grade. Accordingly, eligible Sepoys in SSB have been promoted to fill up the available vacancies in higher grade.

(b) and (c) ACP Scheme has already been introduced in SSB.

ISI Network

671. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government have been drawn to the news-item captioned "ISI tentacles deep and wide" as reported in the Statesman dated the 15th January, 2002;

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.